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DEATHS. On the 22nd December, at Kow oon, ENID, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. H. KEMP, aged

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on December 18th, FANNY BLUNCK, belove t wife of FEEDERICK BLUNCK, aged 4 ' years.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 25TH, 1909.

However it has come about, it certainly is the fact that China has contrived to get herself treated as the "white-headed boy" amongst the nations, and this in spite of the fact that no other people has so frequently set at naught the principles that are supposed to underlie the comity of nations. Of course in one respect. China has always held the respect of her neigh. bours, and that is, her scrupulous respect for her monetary engagements, and that, though certainly one, is only one of many reasons for the peculiar position she ocly every one who has been in close contract with the Chinese has come to regard the people with friendly eyes. Even BILL NYE, when outplayed at his own game by the pensive and child-like An SIN, could not bring himself to resent very seriously the hands played by the beathen Chinee; true, the liands that were played, as every diplomatist who has ventured to play false cards with him has learned to his cost, "by that heathen Chinee, and the points that he made were quite frightful to see," yet as BILL NYE's own sleeve was stuffed full of aces and bowers, "and the same with intent to deceive," the onlookers for the most part have been quite as ready to back

AH SIN in the game "he did not under- to tens of thousands, in some of the wealthier stand" and condone the twenty-four packs rising to their hundreds of thousands, so he had ready up his sleeve for emergencies that numerically the Likin collectorate con

more reasons why China has in the long run in fact, to be interfered with by any of the been left to her own devices. Many there officials. are who started with the idea that China would be a fine country to annex, but one and all when it came to the point have Likin collectorate, accounts being rigourdrawn back at the hugeness of the task. ously excluded, but they are known to be China was, as the Welshman said of the enormous; of these sums, however, it is goose; a foolish bird: It was too much for | equally notorious that nothing beyond one, but not enough for two, and none cared | mere driblet ever arrives in the hands of the to tackle when it entailed the necessity of a actual officials of the province who have no scrimmage all round. China in all ages has means of exacting their dues. Practically proved an easy enough meal to swallow, but nothing in the majority of the provinces ever a very serious task to digest; and each and reaches the central government. It is plain every, be they Turk, Mongol, or Manchu, has that reform of such a system from within been glad enough in the end to give up the has become a practical impossibility; the profitless straggle and let China have her | body politic has grown upsurroundeded by its own way. At the moment China's chief meshes, and socially no man finds himself ambition is centred on the possession of a strong enough to speak, much less to act fleet, so as to be able to command her own The REGENT on taking office did indeed make waters, and it is instructive to observe how kindly are the other nations in coinciding but the reactionary party have preved too in China's views. Doubtless a good deal of this complaisance proceeds not altogether from disinterested motives; the profits about the true condition of the provinces acruing from the building of a fleet are not altogether to be despised; and as China is not yet in a position to build for herself each would like to see the order going to its own shipyards; but there are other reasons why some, at least, of the principal nations would like to see China sufficiently powerful at sea to protect her own waters. Much of the burden has hitherto fallen on Great Britain, and Great Britain would willingly pass on the thankless task to China herself, and would also willingly help her in every way. But navies are expensive, and in her present mood China takes a delight in parading an independence she does not possess. Doubtless it would be better for China, and not for China only, but for the world at large, did she possess from her own internal resources the means of building a powerful fleet. As affairs stand at present that is, however, not within the bounds of possibility. Yet China is wealthy country; but though a wealthy country she stands in the curiously anomalous position of having no revenue. More curious still, the people of China have native aptitude for finance, which needs only proper direction to achieve great things, From time immemorial finance and government have been divorced, and the two have taken different roads, the officer in charge administering his office whatever it was independent of control from above except of the most general character, and being responsible for all its expenses, and logically master of its income. As a matter of corruption, will not submit to. The probcourse accounts are not kept, but each able result of all this will be that China will officer is expected at certain intervals to make "presents" to his superiors, and to Powers for their own safeguarding may one provide for these he has to reimburse him- day find it advisable to place an Empire, self by vails from his underlings, who, like himself, receive no salary, and have to recoup themselves from the people at large. In addition to this each office has its customary assessment, which has to be paid in advance before the officer takes up his post, and the providing for these funds falls into the hands of a not unimportant class of financial agents, who exploit for the purpose every yamen in the Empire. Financially, the official, though he renders no account to the Government, practically finds himself slave to his guarantor, and as each step in promotion has to be paid in advance, his bondage only ceases with his life or his final retirement from office, should he by any means have succeeded in freeing him-

Worst of all these abuses is the system of Likin; here the officer appointed to the collectorate has no magisterial duties to perform. He has had, like the magistrate, to pay heavily in the first instance for the appointment, the average income of which generally comes to be well known. His remedy is to let out the subordinate ranks on the same system, and to each of these one is demanded. or more stations is allotted, which the holder has to manipulate to the best advantage. As in the other case, he makes no returns. but tacitly he fixes his own charges. The cupies amongst her neighbours. Individual- check here is competition; if he raise the charge in excess of his fellows he finds the income of his particular station falls off. while if he lower it unwisely he has not sufficient to meet the demands of his superior. As each official, be be magistrate or merely collector, has an indefinite number of relations, and as old custom requires that the official should provide for all these, or be denounced by the voice of public opinion, it manager of Dunlop Estate, Sitiawan, who is is the natural consequence that the ranks of all the dependent services should be enormously overmanned, and as means have to be provided for each to live, it follows that all these subordinate posts are filled with useless hangers-on. The Likin officials and hangers on in most of the provinces amount

self from his financial embarrassments.

But, of course, there have been very many stitutes a formidable army too formidable.

We have no account in any province of the number or the probable income of the some feeble attempts to effect some reform, strong for him, and there is no doubt that it was for his presumed tendering of advice that Tuan Fanc incurred the penalty of dismissal. Yet on this question of Likin depends the entire subject of the Navy. Taxed to the highest extent that the trade in each case will bear, the Likin sucks up like a sponge the resources of the land; yet so foul is the system of collection that at the outside, it is calculated not more than five per cent. gets into the hands of the igher provincial officials for the purposes of the administration; the remainder is squandered in keeping up useless army of collectors, who as a rule return nothing whatever to headquarters, their expenses absorbing the entire amount squeezed out of the produce of the land There is little reason to doubt that the amount thus squandered would go far towards paying the expenses of a very effective navy, besides relieving the land of the burden of maintaining a huge army of incapables but such a course would entail the clearing out of many of the higher officials; and it is just these, as the men who clamoured for TUAN FANG's dismissal, who under the present régime are battening on the vitals of the land, who will ever form the backbone of

the reactionary party. Of course the only possible method, so firmly has Likin spread its roots amongst the body politic, to get rid of the abuses is to place the entire financial control of the Empire in strong foreign hands; but this is the one thing that the pretended " patriotic' party, really the upholders of fraud and become so weak and discredited that foreign which deserved a better fate had it only been led to see its own shortcomings, in

The French Mail of the 23rd November was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.

Commission.

The Hon, Mr. Gresson and Mrs. Gresson returned to Hongkong from the North yesterday. Mr. Bell Irving arrived from Home the previous

A smart capture was made by the West Point police on Thursday, when they arrested : native who had in his possession 250 counterfeit Chinese twenty cent pieces.

While the escape was being taken to the scene of a fire on Thursday night it knocked down a Chinaman who was injured and had to be sent to the hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial

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The German usval estimates show that for Kiaochoau, including the cost of the Asiatic Naval Detachment, an Imperial subvention amounting to £423,329, a decrease of £38,203,

Another kidnapping case was discovered by the police on Thursday. They arrested a man for having on the 21st inst. stolen a seven-year-old boy, whom he shipped to 'Amoy by one of the Blue Funnel steamers,

A Chinaman, apparently under the influence of liquor, jumped from a car when it was in motion on Thursday. The result was that he received injuries which necessitated his being sent to the hospital.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mabel Martin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Martin, Penang, to Mr. John Bardsley Harron, known to many in Hongkong.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:-Captains: H. H. D. Tothill, to the Minotour, to date Dec. 8; and on recommissioning, and to the King Atfred on transfer of flag, undated; and L. Clinton-Baker, to he Minotaur, to date Dec. B, and as Flag Captain on transfer of flag, undated.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. TELEGRAMS. Ld. has declared an interim dividend of 23 per cent, payable on January 6th for the half-year ended October 31.

The amount of postal savings in Japan has increased at an astonishing rate since the Russo-Japanese war. According to investigations made at the end of last mouth the total amount of present savings is Y,122,518,904, showing an increase of Y.17,788,710 compared with the end of December last year.

Two small fires were reported on Thursday night. One took place in a shop in Queen's Road and was due to a leak at the gas meter which somebody discovered with a light. The other occurred on the steam launch Kweng Sing, and was due to the boiler becoming overheated during the night and setting fire to some matting which had been placed on it to dry. In neither instance was the damage serious.

An interesting presentation took place on Thursday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Piercy were the recipients of a beautiful silver salver and cheque from a number of "old boys" of the Diocesan School. The presentation was made by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A. who in a speech reviewed the success of the work of Mr. Piercy since his arrival in 1878. Mr. Piercy was deeply affected, and in a few well chosen remarks thanked the denors for their

We note the following paragraph in the Devonport correspondence of a Service paper :-"People with a penchant for coincidences wil probably have noticed that last Thursday a ramour was current at this port that the cruiser Kent had been lost on the China station. How the rumour originated is a mystery, but it spread as rapidly as bad news invariably does, until many people began to feel that it had substratum of truth. Relief came in the evening, when a telegram from the Admiralty announced that the Kent had left Hongkong that morning for Singapore "all well." But here is the curious fact. According to a telegram received yesterday from Singapore, the Kent experienced typhoon weather on the way down from Hongkong, and actually lost three boats so that in all probability at or about the time the people of the Three Towns were in a high state of tension as the result of the rumour referred to, the Kent was being buffetted about by a typhoon in the Pacific. The oircumstance suggests whether the ill-founded rumour was a manifestation of telepathy."

Our metropolitan contemporary, the Peling Daily News, a Chinese paper, published in English, should study Hongkong's currency question before writing on the subject again. "If Hongkong," says our contemporary, "under an enlightened government, with an enlightened commercial community, to say nothing of expert opinions from England, has taken so many yours to reorganize at a own house with the result that not more than two silver dollars issued by the Island government itself | week. are accepted by the Hongkong Treasury in payment of taxes, foreign critics should keep their mouth shut in regard to China's currency. For the information of our contemporary we may state that the Hongkong Treasury will accept as many silver dollars as are tendered in payment of taxes, but it will not receive more than two dollars' worth of subsidiary coins. China is the only country in the world, we believe, in which subsidiary coins are legal tender to any amount. Hongkong's "currency problem" is that Hongkong's subsidiary coinage is withdrawn from the Colony and is freely circulating in the Kwangtung province while two-thirds, or perhaps four-fifths, of the subsidiary coins in nse in Hongkong are Chinese, No Chinese coin is accepted by the Hongkong Treasury or by the Post Office or any other Government department. The discount on Chinese coins is heavier than on Hongkong coins, but the two currencies circulate on an equality in the ordinary business dealings in which subsidiary coins are necessary. The "currency problem" in Hongkong is how to maintain the Colonial coins at their par value and keep out of circulation Chinese coins which have dragged Hongkong coins down to practically their own level of value, and at the same time to avoid giving offence to China and disturbing our tradal relations. The conclusion of all the discussions on the subject is that the over-issue of subsidiary coin by the Canton mint is the cause of the trouble, and the only practicable remedy is for the Canton mint to rehabilitate its subsidiary coinage by ceasing minting operations for a time.

FREEMASONRY.

APPOINTMENT OF ME. T. P. HOUGH AS DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

A stir was caused in Masonic circles yesterday

morning by an official notification to the Worshipful Musters of the local lodges working under the English Constitution that Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough, the Deputy District Grand Master, had been appointed by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, to the high office of District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China has held this distinguished appointment for the past thirty years, had tendered his resignation. Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the manner in which Sir Paul has ruled the district during that long period. In Worshipful Brother Hough he has a worthy successor, and the news of his appointment has been received with the greatest satisfaction by the brothren generally.

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"DAILY PRES" RICLUSIVE SERVICE.

THE JAPANESE DIET.

Toxyo, December 24th. H.M. the Emperor to-day opened the Diet in a brief speech from the Throne which described the country's foreign relations as satisfactory and made reference to the strengthening of national finance.

THE KOREAN PROBLEM.

Tokyo, December 24th. The Korean Premier who was at first reported to have been mortally wounded by an assassin, is now reported to be recovering.

Count Hayashi again advocates annexation as the only remedy for the situation.

LEUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS,"

THE NEW KING OF BELGIUM

London, December 24th. King Albert I., the new sovereign of Belgium, has made a State entry into Brussels from Lacken.

> THE ANGLO-JAPANESE EXHIBITION.

London, December 24th. At a meeting of the Committee of the Anglo-Japanese Exhibition, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of London, it was resolved to invite the Government to accord official support to the educational sections in a spirit similar to that shown by the Government of Japan.

> THE BRITISH ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

London, December 24th. A number of election speeches were lelivered last night.

There will now be a cossation for a The issue of the election write has

been postponed until January 10th. The Unionists denounce the postponement as a trick to enable the first polling to take place on a Saturday, which will be favourable to the Li-

On the new register there are 92,000 more voters than on the old.

Only three seats are uncontested by the Unionists. Fifteen are uncontested by the Liberals. There are numerous triangular contests in which Liberals oppose Labourites. In six Constituencies the Unionists are

Lord Milner addressed a noisy meeting at Cardiff. His I ordship's speech was subject to constant interruptions, the audience shouting as a chorus "Damn the consequences."

Mr. Lleyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, travelled for twelve hours in West Wales. Crowds assembled at the stations through which he passed and demanded a speech. Decorations were everywhere along the route. The displayed Chancellor spoke in Welsh Pwlheli, declaring that the time had come to settle once and for all with the feudal lords who were demanding that Great Britain should return to the dark ages, when even Russia and Turkey were winning their freedom.

A somewhat peculiar case engaged the attention of Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday. A man named Francis Ritchie was charged with having on the 23rd December obtained from Fah Toma Bahi the sum of \$42 On inquiry we learn that Sir Paul Chater, who by false precences. Fue story of the complainant was that defendant came to her and said that her husband had been arrested and that bail had been fixed at \$42. As she could not raise the amount her aunt came to her assistance, and when the latter proceeded to the Police Station with the money the defendant took the money from her hand and ran away Defendant asserted that the complainant's husband had asked him to do as he had done! The case was remanded in order that the husband might be found.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

Christmas, the approach of which has been proclaimed from many directions during the week, has been ushered in with time-honoured ceremonial. Floral decorations peculiar to the festive season are seen in all the hotels and many shops and stores, and in barracks and public institutions the joyous occasion has not been overlooked. The usual greeting "A Merry Christmas" faced most patrons of the shops, especially those which catered for the young folks. Santa Claus was busy as usual and the young people will be gladdened by the mysterious but anticipated gifts received. To-day special services will be held in most

of the churches and in barracks. Several sports fixtures are set down for today and Monday.

The warships in the harbour made preparations for the celebration of the occasion, and British, American and German showed their unity on this subject.

L'MAS TREE,

The annual Christmas tree at the Victoria Hospital took place last night. Sir Henry and Lady May were present, and at the invitation of the Hon. Dr. Atkinson several visitors attended to witness the interesting proceedings. Sir Henry did duty as Father Christmas and the children greatly enjoyed themselves.

AT THE BOMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is gaily decorated for the Christmas celebrations. The main altar is richly adorned with a profusion of flowers and costly silver-candlesticks with large flowered candles, and the altar clothembroidered in gold covered with beautiful silk embroidered lace. The arches and pillars in the Sanctuary are all draped with coloured material and the chancel surrounded with palms and flowers. In one of the lateral alters a picturesque crib, representing the grotto of Bethlehem, is exposed for public veneration. The figures of the Holy Family, the shepherds and animals are realistic. All the other alters are also decorated.

At half-past ten last night, His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni attired in his Pontifical robes, entered the sanctuary, accompanied by the clergy and seminarists, took his seat at the Gospel side and started the Matina service. The full choir of St. Joseph's College assisted by several ex-pupils responded to the Psalms and Antiphone alternatively with the Sanctuary Choir, Mr. O. Baptista presiding at the organ. At 11.45, the Bishopdressed in white chasuble started the Pontifical Mass and the Choir sang "Kyrie eleison." When the "Gloria in excelsis Deo " was intoned by the Bishop at midnight, all the bells in the Church and at the Campanario were rung.

The crib, which was screened by a curtain before the Mass, was unveiled when the "Gloria" was intoned by the Bishop. After the Massitt paying their devotions or owded congregation paying their devotions or owded. The service, which was very imposing, was well attended.

POLICE DANCE.

The Hongkong Police Dance took place last night in the City Hall and was the success that it usually is. There was a goodly company, a fine floor, enjoyable music, and, above all, admirable hosts, and with these essentials the individual who failed to "chase the flying hours with fleeting feet" or to enjoy the less active pleasures of the night must find the blame on his own shoulders. It is safe to say that the 300 guests who were present found themselves ushering in a merry Christmas right well, and the promoters must have felt, in the appreciation of so many, amply rewarded for their labours.

The decorations were of such a nature as to suggest the festive season. The evergreens associated with Christmastide were in abundance, and the flowers which peoped out from, among the mass of greenery on the staircase and elsewhere added a pleasing touch to the general embellishment. The reception room was very neatly treated, festoons crossing the room and a large Union Jack at the top of the room being surmounted and flanked with greenery. St George's Hall, in which dancing took place, was very effectively decorated. The windows and entrances were draped with curtains and picked out with evergreens, and bunting was introduced with pleasing results.

St. Andrew's Hall was used as a supper room and the old Chamber of Commerce room was given over to those who preferred a quiet game at cards.

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the strains of Machado's band, and with L. S. Cooper and P. C. Stewart assidous in the discharge of their duties as M.C.'s the programme of 24 dances was carried through with zest and munifest enjoyment. The programme included five waltzes, one Highland schottische, one schottische, one Caledonians, two barn dances, two waltz cotillions, one strathspey reel, two Circassian circles, two polkas, two lancers, two valets, and one military two-step.

The decoration committee, who are to be congratulated on the outcome of their efforts, consisted of P. S. Wilson, P. S. Parr, P. S. Grant, L. S. Ogg, P.C. D. C. Cockle, P. C. Glendinning, and P. C. Mackelvie.

P. S. Kendall, P. C. Spillet, and P. C. Ferguson the Bar Committee, and L. S. Ogg and P. C. Bell looked after the card room, while P. S. Lee earned the gratitude of his colleagues and of the guests for the excellent arrangements which as secretary he carried out.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The Silk ex per C.P.R. str. Monteagle, which left here on the 21st ultimo, arrived at New York on the 22nd instant.

GAMBLING IN CANTON.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The fascination of games of chance holds dominion to a greater or lesser degree over the whole of mankind. There is hardly a modern nation that has not its own particular form of gambling, and history records that the nations of antiquity were also addicted to the vice. I is to be doubted, however, whether the spirit of gambling has ever been so deeply engrained in any nation as it is in the Chinese. I have lived among Spaniards, Indians, Burmese, Siamese and Malays, and fond as these people are of games of chance it seems to me that the Chinese bear the palm.

This morning I paid a visit to several fantan shops in Honam and Canton. I cannot say how many of these places exist in the two towns, but their number must be very large indeed. visited ten such places in Honom and counted the number of men at the tables. The total was 166; the highest number in one shop was 238, while the lowest was 6. This was between 9 and 10 in the morning. The gamblers were nearly all of the working class, while looked little better than mendicants. That 166 men should be idling away their time at such an hour in the morning exceedingly difficult to get; but the amount is in itself a sufficient commentary on the hold must be very large. In the villages, the taxes 2 o'clock, and on Monday, the 27th, at 10 that this vice has on the people. Supposing in the matshed gambling places often support o'clock. that there exist 30 fantan shops in Honam and the police force where such an institution exists. they were patronised in equal proportion, it But China is becoming more enlightened, and would mean that nearly 500 men were engaged | the Government is beginning to see that not only in gambling at that hour. I then crossed over to is it a repreach to derive a large part of its ground of members and their friends. Canton and entered 6 houses, all within a short income from such a source, but that in the radius. Here, there did not appear to be so interests of the nation the time has come when many gambling, as the greatest number I saw in active measures should be taken to suppress on one house was 13, and the smallest number four. evil which is eating into the hearts of the Being a very much larger place than Honam, people. The present Vicercy is doing all in the number of fantan houses is consequently his power to put down the licensing of gambling, « greater, and no doubt the aggregate number and its suppression forms one of the most of gamblers in any given hour is very great. serious subjects for consideration by the Deli-Nearly all the men I saw were staking small sums of money; very few risked more than a dollar; while in Honam the great bulk of the men seemed to be content with staking 20 cent pieces. This does not seem a great amount, but let it be remembered that 20 cents is many a man's daily pay and you get a more correct idea of the business. The largest amount I saw staked was \$10 by a young man who looked like a house servant. He lost it and would educate the people to the fact that such staked again \$15, which he also lost; he then left the house. Assuming him to be a "boy this amount would about equal two months'

The majority of these fantan houses are "mucky" and squalid; a few, however, are more attractive, having somewhat gaudy exteriors ment and exultation are all to be seen, but comments are rare. Some of the faces I saw to-day were quite revolting in their aspect, and, as many walked out of the door, having probably lost their last few cents, they looked capable of any villainy.

It must also be remembered that gambling is by no means confined to the towns. The in the day when the counselof these enlightened villagers are equally devoted to the goddess men prevails. of chance and have even a greater variety of gambling games than the townsmen. Some of these forms indicate the baseness of the participators. Of these varieties setting two thrushes to tear themselves to pieces, or setting even insects such as orickets to fight to the death are surely among the worst. In some country places matsheds are erected for these purposes and the advent of a theatrical troupe nearly always increases the amount of gambling.

This evil meets one on every hand; during slack hours one sees groups of coolies squatting on the roadside staking their "cash" on games played with queer little cards. Groups of street gamins are frequently heard wrangling over their gambling even when the entire stake is probably not more than one or two cash. There appears to be no prohibition of such practices by law, for often the most interested spectator of the game is the policeman, who, lounging against a wall smoking a cigarette; lends a kind of official air to the proceedings.

In homes the vice is equally prevalent; the women, left to their own devices, employ their time in such games as "t'in kau, "and the games are rarely "for love," Instances are by no means wanting of women who have sold or pawned their jewellery and have caused their husbands considerable financial embarrassment In the homes this state of things is likely-to continue until such time as female education is for more widely spread than at present, for the bulk of the women being unable to read and having but little of their husbands' society fall. back upon the excitment of cards from very

There is yet another form of gambling which is remarkably provalent, and that is the buying of lottery tickets. In addition to the well-known Hankow and kindred lottbries, there are others. known as " Po Pin" and "Shan Piu," the tickets for which can be bought for a few cents. The method of procedure is very simple. A roughly printed slip of paper bearing on it a certain number of flowery Chinese sentences can be obtained for nothing at the lottery offices. The holder then goes home and marks off ten or fifteen (according to the class of lottery) characters which he trusts will be lucky. He then returns it to the office with the price. of the ticket. On a certain day the proprietor of the lottery marks off on a similar

slip certain characters, and any lucky purchaser whose marked characters coincide with those marked by the proprietor wins a sum of money. These tickets are very popular, and when the fact is considered that fresh lotteries are opened at intervals of only a few days the amount speculated must be enormous. Fortune tellers and priests should be great supporters of this wholesale gambling, for by it

they reap a rich harvest. Fortune-tellers swarm at the street corners picking out winning numbers by magic means and advising persons whether they are or are not likely to be lucky. The temples are used for the same purpose, and crowds of women go daily to these "holy" places for advice on these matters. Certain temples are supposed to contain deities which are specially clever at picking out winning letters, and perhaps the most favoured one of all is at a place called "Ng Ngan K'in," or Five Eye Bridge; one of my own servants won a share in a \$600 prize by consulting this jose.

Sufficient has been said to show what

a hold gambling has on the people here. All gambling houses and lotteries are liconsed, and the Government derives a considerable part of its revenue from this source. I have not been able to find out what sum is actually obtained, as such information is berative Council. It is reported that the Viceroy's scheme is to first shut up all the small and inferior houses and to issue licences only to first-class houses, where the stake shall not fall below a certain limit, and that these houses also shall in time be abolished. If this scheme were to come into force it would doubtless prevent a great deal of gam. bling among the lower strata of the public and houses are not a necessity. There are, however, two factors which seriously impede reform; the first is deficiency of revenue, and the second is the opposition of the people. As things are at present, the Government has all its work out out to make both ends meet, and the sudden closing of the gambling houses would make a and big incandescent lamps. Inside, free deficiency in the revenue which would be tobacco is given to gamblers, while each house difficult to make good. It does not lie in the has a number of tonts, who do their utmost to province of this article to state the means entine rooms touts is \$4 per month and their whereby this deficit might be made good, and good. Some of the urse mass have a licensed house would be the tax on the large capital, but a relatively small sum is often ment to the Government. Moreover, the bulk the capital of the inferior shops. I have heard of the people do not wish the houses to be of one being opened with such a small sum as closed. There is no space to enumerate all \$300. It is not a pleasant sight to see the their reasons, but they are very many. It is, group of gamblers breathlessly waiting the however, in the growing class of enlightened counting of the cash. Suspense, disappoint- men that salvation lies; and these are determined that gambling as a licensed institution shall cease. Month by month their voice is

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getting stronger and their demands more

imperative, and before another year has passed

away there is doubt that the existing state of

affairs will suffer great changes. All those

who are interested in China's welfare will rejoice

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (Puisne Judge).

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

AN UNFORTUNATE ARTISTE. Li Cheuk Tsau and others, the proprietors of the Queen's Hotel, sued an artiste named Dobley for \$66. Mr. S. Dixon, from the office of Mr. Harding, appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant appeared in person.

Defendant said he had no money and could not pay. He had given his banjo and some of his clothing to the defendant, and he did not know why he had summoned him. About a month ago he gave a letter to plaintiff acknowledging the debt.

His Lordship-Are you entirely out of employment? Defendant-I am assistant at the Stag Hotel

and get commission on drinks. His Lordship-De you get your food there? Defendant-No, I only get board.

Mr. Dixon said he would not pr costs if defendant would make some offer. He took an expensive room at the hotel.

His Lordship - Why did you take an expensive room at \$6 a day? Defendant -I am a stranger here and I did

At a later stage defendant said he went to Canton and made a profit of \$300 on an enter tainment, but he went to Macao and lost it all His Lordship - What, gambling?

Defendant-No, on an entertainment. Judgment was entered for plaintiff. THE TONNAGE MARKET.

Business is again very dull, with little inquiry for tonnage. From Saigen to Hongkong, after a few fixtures at 14c., the rate has dropped to 12c., to Philippines, "Tungus" is closed for 30,000 pels, at 23c. ppel. From Tairen to Canton, two medium-sized carriers fixed at 26c. ppol. Coal rates are steady. From Moji this, \$1.90 per ton; Canton, \$2.60 Wakamatsu to Canton, "Marie" got \$2.70 From Hongay to Canton, \$1.80 has been paid From Haiphong to Canton, \$1.80. Time charters—The "Fri " and "Uly " have been taken up for 8 months for Newchwang-Canton trade.

CHRISTMAS SPORT:

CRICKET. To-day-H.K.C.C. v. United Services. Monday-To-day-Craigengower-Inter-club game.

Monday-

FOOTBALL. To-day - H.K.F.C. v. King Alfred. AMERICAN FOOTBALL. To-day-West Virginia v. Penneylvania.

To-day - West Virginia v. Pennsylvania.

CRICKET.

THAMS.

H.K.C.C .- W. C. D. Turner, T. E. Pearce R. E. O. Bird, A. O. E. Elberough, R. E. H Oliver, H. Hancock, H. R. Makin, A. H. Young, A. A. Clarton, A. C. Leith an W. Manning.

United Services - Captain Baird, Captain Garnett, Commander Lewis, R.N., Lieutenant Noble, Lieut. Polly, R.N., Rev. W. H. Maun drell, R.N., Captain Mayhow, R.M.L.I. Lieutenant Hunton, R.M.L.I., Lieutenant Green, Lieutenant Bagnall and Staff Sergeaut Power. Reserve, Lieutenant Tovey, R.N.

The game commences on Christmas Day at

To-day at 2 p.m. a cricket match will be played on the ground of the Craigengower Cricket Club between sides to be picked on the

A match between members under 30 and over 30 will be played on Monday, the 27th inst., at 2 p.m. as under:-

Under 30-L. E. Lammert, B. Basa, -H. V Peterson, B.P. Dahivala, A.S. Ellis, C. Ho Kai, F. Currie, J. M. Campos, R. Pestonji, S. Battliwara and H. Rapp.

Over 30-J. D. Noria, L. A. Rose, H. P. Madar, R. Philipps, A. S. Gomes, Jr., G. Hancock, R. F. Lammert, S. E. Green, Mirza, N. H. Viveash and A. N. Other.

FOOTBALL.

The game between H.M.S. King Afred and the Club commences immediately after the exhibition of Rugby football by the American Fleet on the Club Ground at 4 p.m. Team : - J. Clarke; E. F. Aucott and J. McCubbin; H. W. Kilby, R. C. Barlow and A. Gregory; A. Aitchison and I. L. Goldenberg; A. Hamilton; A. Whitmarsh and J. Danby.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL.

ferent to either the Association game or Rugby, competing teams will be selected from the

BASEBALL.

Hongkong residents will be treated to an exhibition of this American game this morning when teams representing the U.S.S. West Virginia and U.S.S. Pennsylvania will play on the Hongkong Football Club Ground. Play commences at 10 a.m.

NEW YEAR SPORT.

ARMY .V. NAVY. This Association football match will be played on 1st January, 1910, at 4. p.m., on the Hongkong Club Ground (if available), otherwise Navel Ground. The Army will play in white. Army team: Beasley (R.G.A.); Watts (R.G.A.) and Ruler (Buffs); Walker (R.G.A), Lieut. Bagnall (R.G.A.) and Dare (Buffs); Brown (R.E.) and Browster (Buffs); Taylor. (Buffs); Nash (R.G.A.) and Barker. (Buffs).

SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL.

The following matches in the Hongkong Schools' Football League were played last week, the results being as under :-

Wanchai, 0 Diocesan, 0 JUNIOR LEAGUE. Victoria, C Diocesan, 9 Wanchai, 0 Queen's, 1 The League table now stands :---

SENIOR-SCHOOLS' SHIELD. D. P. A. POINTS Wanchai School 2 0 1 1 0 1 Diocesan School

JUNIOR-GOVERNOR'S CUP. P. W. L. D. F. A. POINT Saivingpun School 5 3 0 Diocesan School ... 2 2 2 10 7 . 6 Wanchai School ... 1 1 6 2 Queen's College ... 4 2 2 0 8 5 E. Kadoorie School Yaumati School ... 5 0 3 2 3 10

H.K. FOOTBALL SHIELD.

The annual general meeting of the Shield Committee was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms business transacted was the alteration of several insurrection cannot command respect. b of rule 3, which are now combined and read: -

Staff may enter one or more teams at their may have been, for even in his conduct towards

The following were elected as office of common-sense which endangered her need: Bagnall, R. G. A.; Secretary, Mr. H. J. Totton; Treasurer, Mr. O. J. Barnes. The last date for receiving entries is 6th January, 1910, and the first round will commonce on 15th January.

REVIEWS.

The Recognition of Minerals, By C. G. Moon, M.A., F.I.C., with monographs on Geology, Ore Deposits, &c., by DONALD MACALESTER, A.R.S.M., F.G.S. Published by the Mining Journal, London, E. C. The author says in his preface:- "It is hoped

that as it stands the book will enable, anyone to take any kind of mineral, rock, stone, or sand, and to form an opinion whether it is of commercial value or not," at the same time pointing out that this cannot be done in most cases by simple inspection, but recourse must be had to simple tests. The would-be prospector could not do better than make a thorough study of this book, and at the same time practise himself in the recognition of well-known minerals such as can be obtained in the usual set of 200 specimens. If also, he would endeavour to carry out the tests specified, if possible under some. skilled supervision, he would after a few months of such work be likely to possess some of the essential qualities necessary for success in searching for minerals. The book opens with a chapter on sedimentary, igueous, and metamorphic rocks, followed by another on oro deposits, lodes, their origin, nature, and structure, and though these monographs are greatly condensed they are sufficiently full to enable a traveller to obtain a good idea of these important subjects. Panning, vanning, and sluicing the "cesspool of literature." The writer's are described in a practical manner; then follow | characters stand out in striking contrast: The directions for the recognition of minerals. In new and unconventional who seek affinities these, instructions are given for ascertaining regardless of the marriage laws; the old, who colour, specific gravity, streak, structure, and are content to follow in the footsteps of their hardness, and in the last test common sub fathers! The writer points out how delightful stitutes for the recognised scratching materials | the new ways are to some people where their own are described. Blowpipe tests are given in a families are not concerned, but when a trial of useful and practical manner. Minerals are the new system must begin at home, well, that is divided into those with and without another story." motallic lustre, and the latter class is then sub-divided into seven groups de. The Penalty. By JAMES BLYTH. London pendant on colour. Under precions stones the author gives some sound advice when he tells the prespector to look out for any more or | will be apparent to all who read it. It is a work less transparent above 7 in the scale of hardness, on a tabooed subject, dealt with cleverly und that is, any that will scratch quartz. A good | delicately. In it Mr. Blyth indictes the present list of precious stones is given, with the colour standard of religion and society, and the and hardness of each. Gold, he says, can be present moral code. One cannot help but pricked with a needle and out with a knife with- grieve for his heroine, who is compelled by out breaking into fragments, thus distinguishing | circumstances to depart from the narrow way it from iron and copper pyrites, which are so often mistaken for it. The monographs on the metallic and non-metallic elements and their commercial value will be found to be serviceable to any who may have to determine or to advise whether a "find" is worth putting money into. Most likely substances are described and priced, thus the value of China clay is given at 15s to 60s a ton, antimony at £33, graphite £12 a ton, American football, which is very much dif- and molybdenite, fairly common in South China in small quantities, at 1/will be played this afternoon on the Club Ground | pound. The assay of several metallic at the Happy Valley, commencing at 2.30. The ores is described in much detail, so that a "handy" man should be able after a little greating to marry out quantitative tests of a fairly approximate nature for gold itself with apparatus of a primitive kind. It is to be hoped that the prospector will never be so far from civilization as to be compelled to make his own bone-ash for capels, but should such happen, full directions are given for the preparation of this material. There is a final chapter on the conditions under which mining operations can be undertaken with reasonable pros. pects of success, together with practical advice on mining, milling, and dressing of ores. The book from cover to cover is thoroughly practical and can be studied with advantage by all who

> Robert Emmet: A Historical Romance. By STEPHEN GWYNN. London: Macmillan & Co., Ltd.

the mineral resources of an unknown country.

to effect a revolution in Ireland in 1803 than the life-story of the romantic, patriotic young man who sacrificed himself so uselessly on that occasion. Mr. Gwynn's intention doubtless was to let that record tell the story of his heirs; but in this he has not succeeded. We find that our interest is absorbed in following the preparations for the outhreak, not in watching the development of a character, an enthusiast so unlike the ordinary plotter as Robert Emmet. But it does not follow that Mr. Gwynn's noval is a failure. Thoroughly acquainted with the historical material upon which the story is built. he interests the reader from beginning to end. The narrative is direct and simple, the writing graceful to a degree, and the minor characters are sketched with bold lines and some of them interest quite as much as the central figure in the picture. This is not the place, nor is it our function on this occasion, to comment at length upon the miserable result achieved after so much plotting and the sacrifice of lives that might have been more usefully employed; but one cannot help feeling that it is time Ireland and Irishmen had outgrown that sentimentalism in national life and character which seeks outlet in overthrowing order in the government of their count vesterday evening. Lt. Bagnall presided and and strives to place the direction of affairs in there were representatives present from the hands of men as visionary and ir-H.K.F.C., Kowloon F.C., R.G.A., Buffs., R.E., rational as Mr. Gwynn's hero. Regarded H.M.S. Monmouth and Marines. The only in cold blood. Robert Emmet's attempt at rules, and the fixing of the date for closing failed chiefly through the enthusiasm entries. The only alteration which materially of the leader, for he seems to have overaffects the competition is that to sections a and looked elements in human nature which no warfare with smugglers all along the land a leach in the next two rounds, and steering great leader of men ever ignores. In spite of frontier, and the devices with which they have clear of all blows that would have proved effec-"The British Regiment, Royal Artillery, Mr. Gwynn's efforts, we cannot bestow admira-Royal Engineers, Royal Marines and Army tion upon his hero, no matter high-souled he

be Irish to find that interest. We are indebted to Mesers. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., for a copy of

Potted Brains: or Quick Culture for All. By KEBLE HOWARD and JOHN HASSALL London: Stanley Paul and Co.

This is an amusing skit on literary celebrities from Aristotle to Kipling. Chapter XXX. which is devoted to Kipling, reads:- "Kipling, Rudyard. (See Isaiah)." Turning to Isaiah we read: "Issiah was a prophet, whose life was marred by the fear that he would. day be understood. This fear has never yet been justified. He lived at the time when people were so slow or se stupid that they were simply asking for trouble. Isaiah felt it to be his duty to speak to them in pretty plain language, which he did. Whenever he wanted to be particularly nasty, he addressed his readers as 'ye.' This stung. His American copyrights, ably handled, would have brought in a nice round sum." This will perhaps suffice to convey an idea of this amusing production. The clover earicatures with which it is illustrated add to the reader's enjoyment.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

JUDGE ON A SAFE BET. Go into a criminal court, bet eight to one that the case then on is due to drink, and you will win money according to Judge Rentoul. Drink, said the judge at the Old Bailey, is the cause of 90 per cent. of criminal cases.

PROZEN BOUQUET AS GIFT.

The Orient liner Ophir last month brought to England a charming gift for Mr. Joseph Chamberlain in the form of a beautiful bouquet | declared the winner. of West Australian flowers frozen in a block of ice. This novel bouquet is a gift from Sir Gerald Strickland, the Governor.

THE BURGLARS' GIFT.

Mr. E. J. T. Webb, a Portsmouth solicitor, who died last month, successfully defended some years ago a man charged with burglary, and few days later there came by post a valuable gold hunter watch, with an inscription to the effect that it was a gift from a certain London society, presumably of doubtful practices, as an acknowledgment of the clever defence of one of their number. Subsequently Mr. Webb at a race meeting, but three days afterwards the watch came back to him by post with letter of apology stating that " we never rob one

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BOXING TOUNAMENT.

Another series of boxing contests, promoted by Mr. R. H. Whittaker, took place in the City Hall last night in the presence of a large numbe of spectators. Mr. Jack "Dempsey" was the referee, and Mesers. S. Kelly and C. Bond acted as timekeepers.

The opening fight, a six round bout between Seaman Gardner, of HM.S. King Alfred, and Seamen Caldwell, of H.M.S. Flora, was a hard fought battle from beginning to end. After two rounds of slogging, in which Gardner's face was dyed vermilion, the mon eased off, both showing signs of exhaustion. Gardner came up "groggy" in the fourth and last round, and Caldwell had little difficulty in sending him to the boards, from which he was unable to rise.

Then came Gunner Arundel, R.G.A., 144 1bs, and Private Hackshaw, R.M.L.I., 140 lbs, to fight the best of fifteen rounds. Both men opened warily, but Arundel had the best of exchanges, scoring repeatedly with left drives. In the fourth round Hackshaw took considerable punishment, but steadied down when he became wise to Arundel's deadly left uppercuts. In the seventh round the story of the fight was plainly written on the marine's face, his eyes being scarcely visible, while his physiognomy resembled a chopping block. The next round was the last, Arundel's left crashing on Hackshaw's jaw repeatedly, until the marine could do nothing but hug the conquering gunner. He lasted the round however, and then threw up the sponge, retiring badly beaten but by no means disgraced, for the audience loudly testified their appreciation of his plucky fight against overwhelming odds.

Next to enter the ring for a ten round bont were Stoker Pascall, of H.M.S. Monmouth, 12st. 8lb. and Gr. McFadden, of H.M.S. King Alfred, 13st 5lb. What Pascall lacked in weight he was fully compensated for by his youth, for the rounds began to tell on his older opponent. In the fifth round McFadden showed signs of distress, and from this on Pascall forced the fighting, but the clever tactics of McFadden saved him from a knockout. Pascall was The main event on the programme was a

twenty three-minute round contest between Bill Lewis, 139 lbs, and Stoker Garlie, of H.M.S. King Alfred, 140 lbs. This proved the best of many good fights that have been recently witnessed here, for in Garlic, Lewis found one of the "toughest propositions" he has met in Hongkong. It was not expected that the contest would last as long as it did, but Garlie proved "a foeman worthy of his steel," and although he was sorely puzzled had the watch stolen from his waistcost pocket with the tactics of Lewis, he successfully cleared the latter's dangérous uppercuts. Garlic's best hit was in the thirteenth round, when he stopped Lowis with a nasty left jab, but the latter promptly retaliated with a heavy left swing to the jaw, and after hanging to his opponent like bad to grapple have been both varied and tive, he succeeded in placing a powerful left upperent on the stoker's jaw in the final round. Garlie went to the boards and was counted out During the evening the following challenges were issued:—P. O. Gibney of H.M.S. Flora offered to meet Stoker Bell of H.M.S. Monand when they are well out of reach, the was acceped; Bandsman Willis of the Buffs

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

Subjoined Resolution, that is to say: That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered 1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph

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e know of nothing in English literature which better describes the sentiments of most of us on Christmas Day than the following littleknown gem by Charles Dickens.]

Time was, with most of us, when Christmas Day encircling all our limited world like magic ring, left nothing out for us to miss or seek; bound together all our home enjoyments, affections, and hopes; grouped overything and every one around the Christmas fire; and made the little picture shining in our bright young

Time came, perhaps, all se seen, when ou thoughts overleaped that narrow boundary when there was some one (very dear, we thought then, very beautiful, and absolutely perfect) wanting to the fulness of our happiness; when we were wanting too (or we thought so, which did just as well) at the Christmas hearth by which that some one sat: and when we intertwined with every wreath and garland of our ife that some one's name.

That was the time for the bright visionary Christmases which have long arisen from us to show faintly, after summer rain, in the palest edges of the rainbow! That was the time for the beatified enjoyment of the things that were to be, and never were, and yet the things that were so real in our resolute hope that it would be hard to say, now, what realities achieved since have been stronger!

What! Did that Christmas never really come when we and the priceless pearl who was our young choice were received, offer the happlest of totally impossible marriages, by the two united families previously at daggers-drawn on our account? When brothers and sisters in law who had always been rather cool to us before our relationship was effected, perfectly doted on us, and when fathers and mothers overwhelmed us with unlimited incomes? Was that Christmas dinner never really eaten, after which we arose, and generously and elequently rendered honour to our late rival, present in the company, then and there exchanging friendship and forgiveness, and founding an attachment not to be surpassed in Greek or Roman story, which subsisted until death? Has that same rival long ceased to care for that same priceless pearl, and married for money, and became usurious? Above all, do we really know, now, that we should probably have been miserable if we had won the pearl, and that we are better without her?

That Christmas when we had recently achieved so much fame; when we had been carried in triumph somewhere, for doing something great and good; when we had won an honoured and ennobled name, and arrived and were received at home in a shower of tears of joy; is it possible that that Christmas has not come yet? And is our life here, at the best, so constituted that, pausing as we advance at such a noticeable mile-stone in the track as this great birthday, we look back on the things that never were, as naturally and full as gravely as on the things that have been and are gone, or have been and still are? If it be so, and so it seems to be, must we come to the conclusion that life is little better than a dream, and little worth the loves and strivings that we crowd into it?

No! Far be such miscalled philosophy from us, dear readers, on Christmas Day! Nearer and closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness and forbearance! It is in the last virtues especially, that we are, or should be, youth; for, who shall say that they are not cor. pable nothings of the earth! -

thankful that the circle of our Christmas as- unchanged and without business, sociations and of the lessons that they bring, . MARINE INSURANCES, -Unions have receded expands! Let us welcome every one of them, to 890, at which a few shares have changed and summon them to take their places by the hands. Cantons have further recoded to 145 Christmas hearth.

Welcome, old aspirations, glittering creatures of an ardent fancy, to your shelter underneath neglected and with shares on offer at 375. the holly! We know you, and have not out- Hongkongs have fallen to 370 with sellers. lived you yet. Welcome, old projects and old Chinas remain at 118, but without business. loves, however fleeting, to your nooks among loves, however fleeting, to your nooks among Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macaos the steadier lights that burn around us. Wel- have further advanced to 32 with sales and come, all that was ever real to our hearts; and | buyers, Indos have improved locally to 65 with for the earnestness that made you real, thanks buyers, and in London to £5.10 for the combined to Heaven | Do we build no Christmas castles shares: Shanghai quotes sales at Tis. 48. in the clouds now? . Let our thoughts, flutter- Douglasses have changed hands at the reduced ing like butterflies among these flowers of rate of 30 and close with sellers at that rate. children, bear witness! Before this boy, there | Shells can be placed locally at 67/. The Lonstretches out a Future, brighter than we ever | don rate is now 67/3. looked on in our old romantic time, but bright | REFINE & IES.—China Sugars have changed with honour and with truth. Around this little hands during the week, under the infinence of head on which the sunny curls lie heaped, the settlements, at 157, and close with buyers at graces sport, as prettily, as sirily, as when there | 156. Luzons are on offer at 21. was no scythe within the reach of Time to shear | MINING.—Raubs have declined without away the curls of our first-love. Upon another business to 61, and close with sellers. Langkats girl's face near it-placider but smiling bright have jumped in the North, after the December -a quiet and contented little face, we see Home settlement, to 900. Chinese Engineerings have fairly written. Shining from the world, as rays | been placed at the reduced rate of 18. chine from a star, we see how, when our graves | Docks, Wharves and Godowns .- Hongare old, other hopes than our young, other kong and Whampon Docks have found buyers hearts than ours are moved; how other ways | at 511, and buyers at 51 fail to find sellers. are smoothed; how other happiness blooms, Kowloon Wharfs have ruled rather weaker and ripens, and decays-no, not decays, for other close at 61. Hongkew Wharfs have slightly homes and other bands of children, not yet in improved in the North to 129. Shanghai and ripen to the end of all!

Welcome, everything! Welcome, alike what | kong Lands have changed hands at 102 in fair has been, and what never was, and what we lots, but the market closes with sellors. West hope may be, to your shelter underneath the Points have found further small buyers at 44. holly, to your places round the Christmas fire, Hotels and Humphreys have been placed at where what is sits open-hearted! In yonder quotations Shanghai Lands have fallen to 119. shadow, do we see obtruding furtively upon the Corron Mills.-Hongkong Cottons have blaze, an enemy's face? By Christmas Day we | been negotiated during the week at 61, but close do forgive him! If the injury he has done us weaker with sellers at 6.10. Ewes are quoted by may admit of such companionship, let him come wire at 135. Internationals at 73, Laou Kung here and take his place. If otherwise, un- Mowsat 100, and Soy Chees at 425, respectively. happily, let him go hence, assured that we will by the last Shanghai circulars to hand. never injure nor accuse him.

On this day we shut out nothing ! "Pause," says a low voice. "Nothing? "On Christmas Day, we will shut out from our fireside, Nothing.

withered leaves are lying deep?" the voice at 48/, Linggis at 24/ and 24/6. Knala Lumpurs replies. Not the shadow that darkens the have improved with buyers and without sales to whole globe? Not the shadow of the City of 94/., and Highlands and Lowlands to 64/., Sungli the Dead ?"

Not even that. Of all days in the year, we will turn our faces towards that City upon have been placed at 10 Watson's at 7, Electrics Christmas Day, and from its silent hosts bring those we loved among us. City of the Dead, in nothing further to report under this heading. the blessed name wherein we are gathered together at this time, and in the Presence that is Assessmong us according to the promise, we will receive, and not dismiss, thy people who are

dear to us! Yes. We can look upon these children angels that alight, so solemnly, so beautifully among the living children by the fire, and can bear to think how they departed from us. Entertaining angels unaware, as the Patriarchs did, the playful children are unconscious of their guests; but we can see them -can see a radiant arm around one favourite neck, as if there were a tempting of that child away. Among the celestial figures there is one. a poor mis-shapen boy on earth, of a glorious beauty now, of whom

was likely would elapse before he came to her -boing such a little child. But he went quickly, and was laid upon her breast, and in her hand she leads him. There was a gallant boy, who fell, far away,

upon a burning sand beneath a burning stin and said, "Tell them at home, with my love, how much I could have vished to kiss them once, but that I died contented and had done my duty!" Or there was another over whom they read the words. " Therefore we commit his body to the deep," and so consigned him to the lonely ocean, and sailed on. Or there was another, who lay down to his rest in the dark shadow of great forests, and, on earth awoke no more. U shall they not, from sand and sea and forest, be brought home at such a

There was a dear girl-almost a womannever to be one-who made a mourning Christ mas in a house of joy, and went her trackless way to the silent City. Do we recollect her word out, faintly whispering what could not be heard, and falling into that last aleep for weariness? O look upon her now! O look upon her beauty, her seronity, her changeless youth her happiness! The daughter of Jairus was recalled to life, to die; but she, more blest, has heard the same voice, saying unto her, "Arise

We had a friend who was our friend from early days, with whom we often pictured the changes that were to come upon our lives, and merrily imagined how we would speak, and walk, and think, and talk, when we came to be old. His destined habitation in the City of the Dead received him in his prime. Shall he be shut out from our Christmas remembrance? Would his love have so excluded us? Lost friend, lost child, lost parent, sister, brother husband, wife, will not so discard you! You shall hold your cherished places in our Christmas hearts, and by our Christmas fires; and in the season of immortal hope, and on the birthday of immortal mercy, we will shut out Nothing!

The winter sun goes down over town and village; on the sea it makes a rosy-path, as if the Sacred tread were fresh upon the water. A few more moments, and it sinks, and night comes on, and lights begin to sparkle in the prespect. On the hill-side beyond the shapelessly-diffused town, and in the quiet keeping of the trees that gird the village-steeple, remembrances are out in stone, planted in common flowers, growing in grass, entwined with lowly brambles around many a mound of earth. In town and villa ge there are doors and windows closed against the weather, there are flaming logs heaped high there are joyful faces, there is healthy music of voices. Be all ungentleness and harm excluded from the temples of the Household Gods be those remembrances admitted with tender encouragement! They are of time and all its comforting and peaceful assurances; and of the history that re-united upon earth the living and dead; and of the broad beneficence and goodness that too many men have tried to tear to narrow

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report dated 24th December state:-The week has been featureless and we have no business of any importance to report. Rates have ruled steady but still with an inclination to weakness. The approaching holidays and settlements have had a depressing effect on the market, but with the pressure removed prospects for the new year should prove brighter. Exchange on Loudon closes at 19/2 T, T and on Shanghai at 75.

Banks,-Hongkong and Shanghais have ruled very quiet and we have no sales to report. The rate has been stationary at 995, and efforts teachers to deal gently even with the impal- to do business have been unavailing. The London rate is quoted at 91.10 according to Therefore, as we grow older, lot us be more Reuter's latest advices. Nationals remain

with sales. North Chinas unchanged at 112. FIRE INSURANCES-The market has been

being nor for ages yet to be, arise, and bloom Docks remain at 76, without any local business. LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS .- Hong-

RUBBERS.—The market has been fairly active and rates show an upward tendency, in sympathy with a distinct firm ness in the London market. Consolidated-Malays have found buyers at £6.6.3, Shelfords at 28/, 28/6 and later at 29/ "Not the shadow of the vast City where the Castlefields at 53/, Damansars at 80/. Ledbury's

Kapars are on offer at 71/6. MISCELLANEOUS. - Campbell and Moore's at 20, and Cements at 7.40 and 74. We have

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WHERE IS DR. COOK! MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

The New York correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph cabled the following last month :-

What has become of Dr. Cook? In striking contrast to the blatant reception accorded the Brooklyn explorer a few months ago, Dr. Cook has newdisappeared mysteriously, suddenly, and completely. This is regarded as significant, because the assault upon the doctor's story of his Mount McKinley achievement was being pressed home with great effect, and, in the absence of any definite proof so far regard ing the North Pole achievement, most Americans had decided that the test of the explorer's veracity should stand or fall by the McKinley investigation, and now he has gone, nobody knows where, and as softly as if treading upon rubber heels. Some accounts say that he has sailed for Italy, others that he has gone to Copenhagen, "so as to be on hand in case the Danish scientists want to cross-examine him," while a third story ombarks him for Liverpool

As I cabled you on Friday, Dr. Cook, despite his usually vigorous health, which enabled him Meeting, conducted by Mr Boulton. Monday, to perform maximum feats in the Arctic regions 7.30 p.m. Chaplain's Bible Class, 80 pm. on a minimum supply of pemmican, has been Followship Meeting. Thursday 8 30 p.m. Popular run down by work and worry. When I saw Concert arranged by Mrs. Joughin. Saturday, him last week for some moments he seemed 9.0 p.m Prayer Meeting. to have aged ten years in a few months, and undoubtedy suffering. He has worked Christmas Day 25th December. Holy Comvery hard in compiling his records for the munion 7.30 a m., and 12.15 p m. Matins, 11. Danish Geographical Society, and those, to- a m. Venite, Crotch; Special Psalms, 19, 45 and gether with a foreword about the McKinley 85. Monk, Ouseley, Macfarron, and Turle; To climb, are now on the high seas bound for Doum, Crotch, Aldrich, Crotch; Kyrie, Abba; Copenhagen, but whether they will reach the Danish scientists sooms uncertain, because Dr. Cook's friends declare positively that there is an "organised conspiracy" to discredit the Brooklyn man and "stend his doonments."

The disappearance of Dr. Cook, under headlines such as "Lost, "stolen, or strayed," 'Sailed, steamed, or aeroplaned," is the leading feature of the American Press to-day. Since Dewey's day, no American was ever hoisted to a loftier pinuacle for a brief season, and then toppled over, abused, and reviled all round. Dr. Cook's personal friends seem loyal enough, but he has been deserted by the general

After the cables and telegraph wires had buzzled with inquiries for two days. Dr. Cook's representative here distributed the following

statement vesterday afternoon; " Dr. Cook sailed for Europe on the Cunard liner Caronia to-day, to gain needed rest, and be within call of the Danish scientists who are to examine his Polar records. The great change from ice and pemmican to the food and conditions of civilisation, and the lecturing, travelling, planning, writing, and suffering false acousations in silence, have naturally disturbed his generally robust physical and mental condition. His lectures will not be resumed until the University of Copenhagen has confirmed his arrival at the Pole, nor will his book be published before that contingency has been realised."

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Chinhua, British str., for Shanghai. Cleveland, Ger. str., for Nagasaki. Daijin Maru, Jap. str., for Swatow. Delta, British str., for Europe, &c. Foula, Norwegian str., for Kobe. Fri, Norwegian str., for Haiphong. Haimun, British str., for Swatow. -Haldis, Norwegian str., for Swatow. Hellas, German str., for Singapore. Kiukiang, British str., for Hongay. Ovid, British str., for Vladivostock. Sexta, German str., for Saigon Wongkoi, German str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES. 24th December. AKE MARU, Japanese str., for Moji. BOENEO, German str., for Sandakan. CATHERINE APCAR, British str., for Calcutta. C. DIEDERICHSEN, British str., for Heihow. CHINA, American str., for Shanghai. CHIPSHING, British str., for Weibaiwei. CLARA JEBSEN, Ger. str., for Kinking. DELHI, British str., for Shanghai. HAN SUNG, Koreau str., for Weihaiwei. JOHANNE, German str., for Haiphong. KANCHOW, British str., for Ningpo. KINGSING, British str., for Canton. KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., for Sydney. KUTSANG, British str., for Shanghai, LOONGSANG, British str., for Manila. MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai. PAKLAT, German str., for Bangkok. PAOTING, British str., for Shanghai. PROMINENT, Norwegian str., for Canton: RUBI, British str., for Manila. TAMBA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe. TINGSING, British str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British str. Taming reports: Strong N.E. monsoon, rough sea, cloudy and clear. The British str. Haimun reports: Fresh E. to N.E. wind and following sea, weather fine and clear.

The British str. Delhi reports: Mod. head wind to Charlotte Bank; thence to Paracels monsoon gale and high sea, with strong adverse current; Paracels to arrival moderate N.E. monsoon and flue weather.

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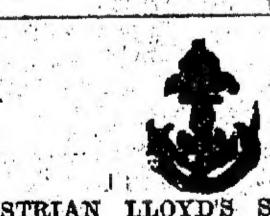
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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA S.S. SEGOVIA... ... 15th Jan. S.S. SAMBIA S.S. ANDALUSIA ... S.B SAXONIA S.S. C. FERD. LAEISZ .. 27th Febr. S.S. AMBRIA ... 12th March.

HOMEWARD. FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. SUEVIA 29th Dec. FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWEEP:
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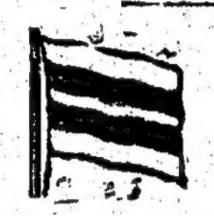
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WED'DAY, 19th Jan

FRIDAY, 14th

from YOKOHAMA.

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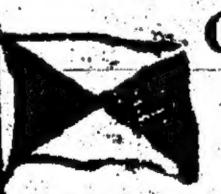
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There will be one delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday, and the Monday Order Office will be entirely closed on the above dates. Postal Guides for the Year, 1910; are now on sale ... 50 cents each.

Mails from EUROPE via SIBERIA;-Date of Despatch Date due in Hongkong. Vessels from London. 3rd and 4th December ._ To-morrow. Chenan. The following despatches of Siberian Mails are cancelled: - Descatches leaving Shanghai on January 16th. 23rd and 30th.

The Mancharia, with the American mail, left Manila and may be expected here to-day, at Noon.

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Auction of Naval and Victualling Stores by Messrs, Hughes & Hough. Wednesday, 29th December-Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Campbell, Moore & Co., Thursday, 30th December-Auction of the late

Gunboat "Rio Lima." Messes. Hughes and Hough. Thursday, 30th Dec.—Extraordinary Meeting China Light and Power Co., Ld. Saturday, let January-Fifth Annual Sports of Children's Races, Kowloon Cricket Club.

OPIUM. December 23rd. Quotations are :-81,370/1,400 per picul. Malwa New \$1,410/1,430 - " Malwa Old Malwa Older \$1,440/1,450 Malwa V. Old \$1,460/1,470 Persian fine quality ... \$1,100/1,200 ON SHANGHAY:-Persian extra fine ... \$1,250/1,300 Patna New \$1,425 ON YOKOHAMA: On demand 88 Benares New \$1,440

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN WAIL, The P.M. str. Manchuria is due to arrive in Hongkong to day at 10 a.m. The T.K.K. str. Chiyo Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 19th instant, and is due to

arrive at Hongkong on the 29th instant. THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China str. Kumsang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Derflinger, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 1st inst. left Colombo on the 19th inst. morning. and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst. at p.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Coblems left Sydney Thursday, the 16th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 7th prox. THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of China left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 18th instant a.m., via the usual ports of call. MERCHANT STRAMEBS. The Danish str. Siam left Sabang on the

13th instant, and may be expected here to-The C.N. Co.'s str. Chenan left Shanghai on the 23rd inst, and is due here to-morrow. The Austrian Lloyd's str. E. F. Ferdinand left Shanghai for this port on the 22nd inst. and is due here to-morrow p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Takasaki Maru Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 21st inst. and is expected here to-morrow. The Ben Line str. Benlavig from Middlesbro' and London left Singapore on the 18th instant,

The str. Knight of Thietle left Tacoma on the 18th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Hongkong and Manila. The Bank Line str. Oceano left Vancouver

on the 21st instant for Hongkong via Japan The Bank Line str. Suveric left Moji on the 22nd instant, and is due at this port on or about the 27th instant.

The I.G.M. str. Prinz Sigismund left Kobe on the 22nd instant, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst. a.m. The Danish str. Indien left Port Said on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th prox.

The Eng Hok Fong S.S. Co.'s str. Persia arrived at Manzanillo, Mexico, on the 15th inst. sailed for Hongkong, via Mazatlan and Guaymas on the 21st inst. and is due here on or about the 24th prox.

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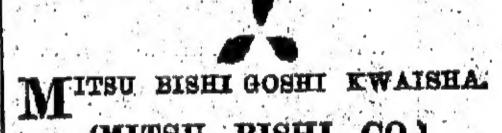
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AFRICAN GAME TRAILS.

[BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT.]

FIRST BHINCEROS. When we killed the last lions we were already on safari, and the camp was pitched by a waterhole on the Poths, a half-dried stream, little more than a string of pools and reed beds, winding down through the sun-scorched plain. Next morning we started for another water-hole at the rocky hill of Bondoni, about eight miles.

distant. turesque. The porters are strong, patient, goodhumonred savages, with something child-like about them that makes one really fond of them. Of course, like all savages and most children, they have their limitations, and in dealing with them firmness is even more necessary than kindness; but the man is a poor oreature who does not treat them with kindness also, and I am for him a real and friendly liking. They Once in, each went to his tent to take a hot were around a tree in an open space, and we are subject to gusts of passion, and they bath, and then, clean and refreshed, we sat down | could not get near them. But instead of going shortcomings; sometimes for no conceivable reason, at least from the white man's standpoint. But they are generally cheerful, and when cheerful are always amusing; and they work hard if the white man is able to combine good-sized sow, which in company with several tact and consideration with that insistence on of her half-grown offspring, was grazing near | bullets fell, and though I could not get a good the performance of duty the lack of which our line of march. There were some thornthey despise as weakness. Any little change or trees, which gave a little cover, and I killed her and by pacing I found it to be a little over a excitements is a source of pleasure to them, at 160 yards, using the Springfield, the lightest | quarter of a mile from where I stood when When the march is over they sing; and after and handiest of all my rifles. Her flesh was | shooting. two or three days in camp they will not only good to cat, and the skin, as with all our sing, but dance when another march is to begin. specimens, was saved for the National Museum. Of course, at times they suffer greatly from I did not again have to shoot a sow, although dared not leave the cland alone, so I stationed thirst and hunger and fatigue; and at I killed half-grown pigs for the table, and boars one of the gun-bearers by the great carcass and times they will suddenly grow sullen or rebel for specimens. This sow and her porkers-were sent a messenger in to Heller, on whom without what seems to us any adequate cause; not rooting, but were grazing, as if they had we depended for preserving the skips of the and they have an inconsequent type of mind been antelope. Her stomach contained nothing big game. Hardly had this been done when which now and then leads them to commit but chopped green grass. Wart-hogs are com- a Wkamba man came running up to tell us follies all the more exasperating because they mon throughout the country over which we that there was a rhinoceros on the hillside are against their own interest no less than hunted. They are hideous beasts, with strange | three-quarters of a mile away, and that he had against the interest of their employer. But protuberances on their cheeks, and when left a companion to watch it while he carried they do well on the whole, and safari life is alarmed they trot or gallop away, holding the us the news. Slatter and I immediately rode attractive to them. They are fed well; the tail perfectly erect, with the tassel bent for- in the direction given, following our wild-look-Government requires that they be fitted with ward. Usually they are seen in family parties; ingguide, the other gun-bearer trotting after suitable clothes and given small tents, so that but a big boar will often be alone. If the us. In five minutes we had reached the opposite they are better clad and sheltered than they weather is cloudy or wet they may be out all day hill-crest, where the watcher stood, and he at would otherwise be: and their wages represent long, but in hot, dry weather we generally found once pointed out the rhine. The huge beast

near the head of the line of march; and brush, they do not care for thick timber." after it in single file came the long line of |. After shooting the wart-hog we marched on some one word or one phrase which, when we damage the species. asked to have it translated, might or might not prove to be entirely meaningless. The headmen spare horses.

QUAINT HEADGEAR. used in hot climates, and exquisitely designed an empty tin can.

If it were a long journey and we broke it by have ever trodden in their footsteps even a noonday halt, or if it were a short journey though the need for so doing has long passed and we reached camp shead of the sofari, it away. was interesting to see the long file of men approach. Here and there, leading the porters, scattered through the line, or walking slong- shady trees, and from it at sunset we looked side, were the askaris, the rifle-bearing soldiers. 'across the vast plain and saw the far-off moun-They were not marksmen, to put it mildly, and tains grow umber and purple as the light waned. efficient allies in a serious fight; but they were which we were, rose Kilimakin Mountain, excellent for police duty in camp, and were beautifully studded with groves of trees of many also of use in preventing collisions with the kinds. On its farther side lived a tribe of the natives. After the leading askaris might come Wkamba. Their chief, with all the leading one of the headmen; one of whom, by the way, men of his village, came in state to cal fellow, was a mission boy who spoke good grow wool. The headsman was dressed in heads others on their shoulders, others, in a flocks of goats and sheep, and herds of humped whole line would burst into a chant.

at once set about his allotted task, and the tents were quickly pitched and the earnip put in 'order, while water and firewood were fetched, The tents were pitched in long lines, in the first of which stood my tent, flanked by those of the other white mon and by the dining tent. In the next line were the cook tent, the provision tent, the store tent the skinning tent, and the like; and then came the lines of small white tents for the porters. Between each row of tents was a broad street. In front of our own tents in the first line an askeri was always pacing to and fro, and when night fell we would kindle a camp fire and sit around it under the stars. Before each of the porters' tents was a little fire, and beside

it stood the pots and pans in which the porters | heavy as a fattened ox. The herd I approached did their cooking. Here and there were larger | consisted of a dozen individuals, two of them fires, around which the gun-bearers or a group huge bulls, their coats having turned a slatey of askaris or of saises, might gather. After blue, their great dewlaps hanging down, and nightfall the multitude of fires lit up the legs looking almost too small for the massive darkness, and showed the tents in shadowy out- bodies. The reddish coloured cows were of far line, and around them squatted the porters, lighter build. Eland are beautiful creatures, their faces flickering from dusk to ruddy light, and ought to be domesticated. As I crept toas they chatted together or anddenly started ward them I was struck by their likeness to some snatch of wild African melody, in which great clean handsome cattle. They were grazall their neighbours might join. After a while ling or resting, switching their long tails at the the talk and laughter and singing would gradu- flies that hung in attendance upon them and ally die away, and as we white men sat around lit on their flanks, just as if they were Jerseys our fire the silence would be unbroken except in a field at home. My bullet fell short, their Safari life is very pleasant, and also very pic- by the queer cry of a hyena, or much more size causing me to underestimate the distance, rarely by a sound that always demanded atten- and away they went at a run, one or two of the tion - the yawning grunt of a questing lion.

If we wished to make an early start we would clean over the backs of others that got in their breakfast by dawn, and then we would usually way-a most unexpected example of agility in return to camp for lunch. Otherwise we might such large and penderous animals. After a few be absent all day, carrying our lunch with us. hundred yards they settled down to the slash-We might get in before sunset, or we might be ing trot which is their natural gait, and disout till long after nightfall, and then the gleam | appeared over the brow of a hill, rather sorry for him if he does not grow to feel of the lit fires was a welcome sight as we ! for them, and to make them in return feel stumbled toward then through the darkness. afternoon we saw the eland herd again. They are now and then guilty of grave misdeeds and to a comfortable dinner, with game of some straight away they struck off to the right, and sort as the principal dish. THE COMICAL WART-HOS.

On the first march, after leaving our lion

camp at Potha, I shot a wart-hog. It was a money which they could get in no other way. them abroad in the morning and evening. A was standing in entirely open country. The safari represents a great advantage to the pig is always a comical animal: even more so although there were a few southered trees porter: who is his turn alone makes the safari, than is the case with a bear, which also im- of no great size at some little distance presses one with a sense of grotesque humour- from him. We left our horses in a When we were to march, camp was broken as and this notwithstanding the fact that both dip of the ground and began the approach; I early in the day as possible. Each man had bear may be very formidable creatures. cannot say that we stalked him, for the aphis allotted task, and the tents, bedding, provi- A wart-hog, standing alertly at gaze, head and proach was too easy. The wind blew from him sions, and all else were expeditiously made into tail up, legs straddled out, and ears cocked to us, and a rhino's eyesight is dull. Thirty suitable packages. Each porter is supposed to forward, is rather a figure of fun, and net yards from where he stood was a bush four or carry from fifty-two to sixty pounds, which the less so when with characteristic andmay all be in one bundle or in two or three. deness he bonness round with a grunt and The American flag, which flew over my tent, scuttles madly off to safety. Wart-hogs are was a matter of much pride to the porters, beasts of the bare plain or open forest, and and was always carried at the head or though they will often lie up in patches of

burden bearers. As they started, some of them to our camp at Bondoni. The gun-bearers would blow on horns or whistles and others were Mohammedans and the dead pig was of best little tomtoms; and at intervals this would no service to them; and at their request I be renewed again and again throughout the | walked out while camp was being pitched and march; or the men might auddenly begin to shot them a buck; this I had to do now and chant, or merely to keep repeating in unison | then, but I always shot males, so as not to

WILD BEATS' ROADS. Next day we marched to the foot of Kilicarried no burdens, and the tent boys hardly makin Mountain, near Captain Slatter's anything, while the saises walked with the ostrich farm. Our route lay across bare plains thickly covered with withered short grass. All around us as we marched were the game herds. In addition to the canonical and required zebras and hartebeests, gazelles of the two costume of blouse or jersey and drawers, each kinds, and now and then wildebeests. Hither porter wore a blanket, and usually something | and thither over the plain, crossing and recrosselse to which his soul inclined. It might be ing, ran the dutsy game trails, each with its. an exceedingly shabby coat; it might be, of all myria i hoof-marks; the round hoof prints of the things in the world, an umbrella, an article zebra, the heart-shaped marks that showed where for which they had a special attachment. Often the hartebeest herd had trod, and the delicate I would see a porter, who thought nothing etching that betrayed where the smaller antelope to reach us, I struck him with my left-hand whatever of walking for hours at midday under had passed. Occasionally we crossed the trails barrel, the bullet entering between the neck and the equatorial sun with his head bare, trudg- of the natives, worn deep in the hard soil by ing along with solemn pride either under au the countless thousands of bare or sandalled open umbrella, or carrying the umbrella (tied feet that had trodden them. Africa is a much like Mrs. Gamp's in one hand, as a country of trails. Across the high veldt, in wand of dignity. Then their headgear varied every direction run the tangled trails of the according to the fancy of the individual. multitudes of game that have lived thereon Normally it was a red fez, a kind of cap only from time immemorial. The great beasts of the marsh and the forest make thereon broad and to be useless therein because it gives absolutely muddy trails which often offer the only pathno protection from the sun. But one would way by which a man can enter the combre wear a skin cap; another would suddonly put depths. In wet ground and dry slike are also one or more long feathers in his fez; and found the trails of savage man. They lead from another, discarding the fez, would revert to village to village, and in places they stretch some purely savage head-dress which he would for hundreds of miles, where trading parties wear with equal gravity whether it were, in have worn them in the search for ivory, or in our eyes, really decorative or merely comic. the old days when raiding or purchasing slaves. One such head-dress, for instance, consisted The trails made by the men are made much as of the skin of the top of a zebra's head, with the beasts make theire. They are generally the two ears. Another was made of the skins longer and better defined, although I have of squirrels, with the tails both sticking up seen hippo tracks more deeply marked than any and han ing down. Another consisted of a made by savage man. But they are made banch of feathers weven into the hair, which simply by men following in one another's foot itself was pulled out into strings that were steps, and they are never quite straight. They stiffened with clay. Another was really too bend now a little to one side now a little to intricate for description, because it included the other, and sudden loops mark the spot where the man's natural hair, some strips of skin, and some vanished costacle once stood; around it the first trail makers went, and their successors

A KHAKI-CLAD CHIEF. Onr camp at Kilimakiu was by a grove of I should not have regarded them as particularly Back of the camp, and of the farmbouse near looked exactly like a Semitic negro, and always upon me, and presented me with a fat hairy travelled with a large dirty-while umbrella in sheep, of the ordinary kind found in this part one hand; while another, a tall; powerful of Africa, where the sheep very wisely do not English; I mention his being a mission boy khaki, and showed me with pride an official because it is so frequently asserted that mission document which confirmed him in his position boys never turn out well. Then would come by direction of the Government, and required the man with the flag, followed by another him to perform various acts, chiefly in the way blowing on an antelope horn, or perhaps beat of preventing his tribespeople from committing ing an empty can as a drum; and then the long robbery or murder, and of helping to stamp out line of men, some carrying their loads on their cattle disease. Like all the Wkamba they had very few cases, on their backs. As they cattle; but they were much in need of meat, approached the halting place their spirits rose, and hailed my advent. They were wild savages the whistles and horns were blown, and the with filed teeth, many of them stark naked, improvised drums beaten, and perhaps the though some of them carried a blanket. Their heads were curiously shaved so that the hair' tufts stood out in old patterns, and they carried On reaching the camping-ground each man small bows, and arrows with poisoned heads.

THE KING OF THE ANTELOPES. The following cacrains I worker worth Cap tain Slatter. We kept among the hills. The long drought was still unbroken. The little pools were dry, and their bottoms baked like iron, and there was not a drop in the watercourses. Part of the land was open and part covered with a thin forest or bush of scattered mimosa trees. In the open country were many. zebras and hartebeests, and the latter were found even in the thin bush. 'In the morning we found a small herd of cland, at which after some stalking, I got a long shot and missed. The eland is the largest of all the horned creatures that are called antelope, being quite as

cows in the first hurry and confusion skipping

The morning was a blank, but early in the described almost a semi-circle, and though they were over four hundred yards distant, they were such big creatures, and their gait was so steady, that I felt warranted in shooting. On the dry plain I could mark where my chance at the bull I finally downed a fine cow,

THE FIRST RHINOCEROS. It was about nine miles from camp, and I five feet high, and though it was so thin that we could distinctly see him through the leaves. it shielded us from the vision of his small piglike eyes as we advanced towards it, stooping and in single file, I leading. The big beast stood like an uncouth statue, his bide black in the sunlight; he seemed what he was, a monster surviving over from the world's past from the days when the boasts of the prime rangiet in their strength, before man grew so cunning of brain and hand as to master them. So little did he dream of our presence that when we were a hundred yards off he actually lay down.

A DESPERATE CHARGE. Walking lightly, and with every sense keyed up, we at last reached the bush, and I pushed forward the safety of the double-barrelled Holland rifle which I was now to use for the first time on big game. As I stepped to one side of the bush so as to get a clear aim, with Slatter following, the rhino saw me and jumped to his feet with the agility of a pole peny. As he rose I put in the right barrel, the bullet going through both lungs. At the same moment he wheeled, the blood sponting from his nestrils, and galloped full on us. Before he could get quite all the way round in his headlong rush shoulder and piercing his heart At the same instant Captain Slatter fired, his bullet entering the neck vertebræ. Ploughing up the ground with horn and feet, the great bull rhino, still head towards us, dropped just thirteen paces from where we stood.

This was a wicked charge, for the rhino. meant mischief, and came on with the utmost determination. It is not safe to generalise from a few instances. Judging from what I have heard. I am inclined to believe that both lion and buffalo are more dangerous game than rhino, yet the first two rhinos I met both charged, whereas we killed our first four lions and first four buffaloes without any of thom charged, though two of each were stopped just as they were on the point of charging. Moreover, our experience with this bull rhino illustrates what I have already said as to one animal being more dangerous under certain conditions, and another more dangerous under different conditions. If it had been a lion instead of a rhino, my first bullet would. I believe, have knocked all the charge out of it; but the vitality of the huge pachyderm was so great, its mere bulk counted for so much, that even such a hard hitting rifle as my double Holland-than which I do not believe there exists a better weapon for heavy game-could not stop it outright, although either of the wounds inflicted would have been fatal in a few seconds.

Leaving a couple of men with the dead rhino to protect it from the Wkamba by day and the lions by night, we rode straight to camp, which we reached at sunsent. It was necessary to get to work on the two dead beasts as soon as possible in order to be sure of preserving their skins. Heller was the man to be counted on for this task. He it was who handled all the skins, who, in other words, was making the expedition of permanent value so far as big game was concerned; and no work at any hour of the day or night ever came amiss to him. He had already trained eight Wkamba porters to act as skinners under his supervision. On hearing of our success, he at once said that we ought to march out to the game that night so as to get to work by daylight. Moreover, we were not comfortable at leaving only two men with each carcass. for lions were both bold and plentiful,

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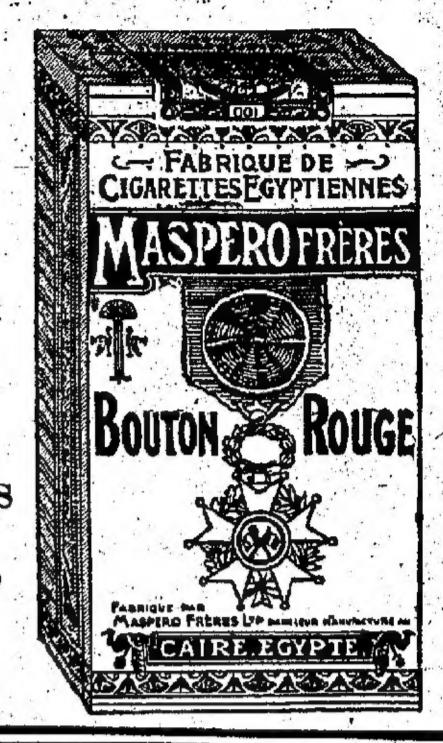


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